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**Biography: James Marker**

*James Marker*, currently serves as the Special Programs Division Manager at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy in Douglas Wyoming. As a current certified peace officer, Jim has 24 years of law enforcement experience with 18 years as a full-time trainer. When graduating from the Wyoming Peace Officer Basic Course, Jim was recognized for excellence by receiving the “Top Notebook”, “Top Firearms” and “Honor Graduate” awards in his class.

His background includes four years as firearms instructor, six years as an EVOC instructor, with the majority of seventeen years dedicated as the lead instructor for the WLEA defense tactics and co-developed the current WLEA defense tactics system for the State of Wyoming. Jim has instructed defense tactics to a variety of organizations including, but not limited to: teachers in school districts, and the National Guard soldiers of the 2d Bn 300th FA Alpha Battery before their deployment overseas.

In 2000, Jim co-developed the current WLEA use-of-force training program, and is currently its lead instructor. The program included transitioning the state away from a continuum-based program to an amendment-based program. Jim has delivered this program nationally and to international officers in patrol divisions, detention divisions, and state corrections facilities. In 2010 Jim developed and delivered specialized use-of-force instructional program for Wyoming’s National Guard Quick Reaction Force to prepare the military unit in assisting local law enforcement during crisis events.

Assigned to research and develop a state-wide training program on arrest-related deaths with a focus on excited delirium in 2005, Jim has since managed the training program in conjunction with the state’s risk management division. Since In 2007, Jim accepted an appointment as Staff Instructor for the Institute for the Prevention of In-Custody Deaths (IPICD) where he currently teaches in its Use-of-Force by the Numbers and ECW Investigative Specialist programs.

A 2009, Jim graduated from the 236th session of the FBI National Academy, Jim holds an A.A.S. in Criminal Justice and an A.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies from Eastern Wyoming College. He is also certified as an “Organizational Development Consultant” by Mountain States Employers Council, Inc in Denver Colorado. Additionally, Jim maintains a “General Law Enforcement Instructor Certification” from Wyoming POST.

In 2012, Jim co-developed with Dr. John G. Peters, Jr., Ph.D., the first course for investigating arrest-related and in-custody deaths in Wyoming. The three-day program was presented to the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigations’ agents to prepare them for investigating arrest-related or in-custody deaths some of which may be associated with electronic control weapons. In January 2013, Jim was awarded AELE’s “Certified Litigation Specialist” designation and currently presents in AELE’s Management, Oversight and Monitoring of Use-of-Force program.